

What is claimed is:

1. The method of switching channels in a receiver, especially in a digital television receiver in which groups are assigned to channels, characterized in that a channel is manually chosen as a selected channel, a switching takes place to receive the selected channel, a previously active group is deactivated by means of a control signal, a group assigned to the selected channel is activated,

next, with the use of a switching function, a next or previous channel is selected, wherein the next or the previous channel is searched and the receiver is set to receive the next or previous channel by means of the control signal.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein groups to be activated are defined by type of channel is manually selected, the earlier active group is deactivated, and a group of a specific type assigned to the given channel is activated.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the channel is manually selected and wherein the activated group is selected from a list of groups.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein channels not assigned to any group are added to the group of channels belonging to active groups.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the control signal simultaneously switches to receive the specific channel and the name of the group to which the channel belongs is displayed on a screen of the receiver.

6. A method of switching channels in a receiver in which groups are assigned to channels, characterized in that a list of active groups are defined, and by means of a switching function, a next or a previous channel belonging to the currently active group is selected, and by means of control signal, the decoder is switched to the next or previous channel.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein channels assigned to any group are added to groups of channels belonging to active groups.
8. The method of claim 6 wherein control signal simultaneously switch to receive a specific channel and the name of the group of the specific channel is displayed on the screen of the receiver.
9. The method of claim 6 wherein the receiver is a digital television receiver.